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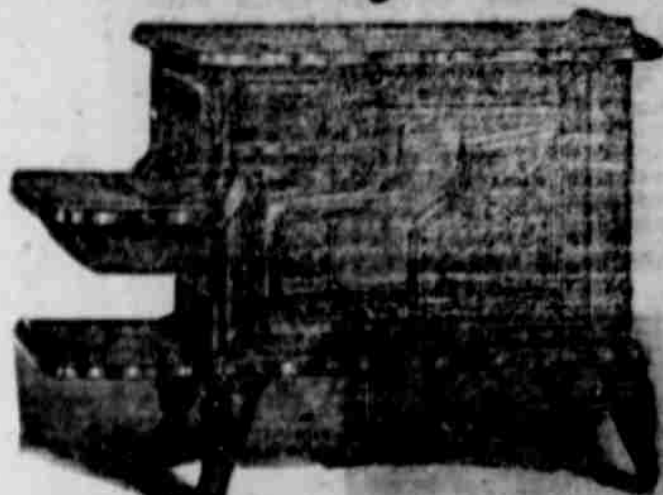
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Oahu Trustees Believe Miller Street
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The trustees of Oahu College met Monday afternoon and discussed the question of erecting new buildings at Punahou for the Preparatory School, instead of building on the premises owned by the college, on the corner of Miller and Beretania streets.

An Advertiser reporter interviewed Dr. Smith yesterday. He said: "The board seems to be strongly inclined to build at Punahou, and unless some strong argument in favor of Miller street is advanced it is probable that the trustees will decide in favor of Punahou at their next meeting."

"The question has been before the trustees for some time, and has been discussed at the last three meetings of the board. At our meeting last Monday afternoon nearly the entire time was given to a consideration of the relative claims of Punahou and the Miller street property. The discussion naturally fell under several distinct heads."

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

"Within the last ten years educational methods have developed most rapidly along the line of improvement of buildings, grounds, furnishing and decoration. Parents and teachers have come to see clearly that the school grounds, buildings, and the schoolroom—the environment to which the child is sent for the express purpose of culture—should by all means be as beautiful as the home. One standard of environment for the home, and a lower standard for the school, is a glaring inconsistency that enormously cuts down the child's opportunity for development, and in like measure the teacher's power to educate. A thoroughly modern building, or group of buildings, might be erected on the Miller street property, and the grounds might be cultivated and decorated according to aesthetic and pedagogic ideas. The locality, however, will never be as attractive and wholesome as Punahou. Business houses, sights and sounds, if not odors, will more and more crowd residences out of that portion of the city. A child cannot develop as good tone of character in that environment as he can at Punahou."

CENTRALIZATION AND ORGANIZATION.

"It is of the greatest importance that the entire equipment of the institution should be so located and organized that the various departments, and the different divisions in any given department, may be on a basis of practical co-operation. Laboratories, libraries, manual training equipment, gymnasium, all that goes to make a school complete, would have to be duplicated. In so far as the same apparatus could be used by two schools, if the preparatory were located at Miller street. If the new equipment were placed at Punahou the college might thus save the expenditure of many thousands of dollars. Again, the practical co-operation of teachers doing work in a given subject, a co-operation absolutely necessary to the highest degree of efficiency, would be made impossible by the separation of the two schools by so great a distance. While the same methods are not applicable alike to primary and secondary and college work, and while a teacher fitted to do either grade of work, is often unable to do either a higher or lower grade, at the same time by being sensible of the necessary solidarity and continuity of work in a given subject, and by having the opportunity to observe methods pursued in different grades and classrooms, the teacher obtains a wealth of suggestions of great value to his own work. For the sake of this practical co-operation and interchange of ideas it would be better to locate the preparatory school at Punahou."

BUILDING FUNDS AND INCOME.

"The present quarters of the preparatory school are entirely inadequate. But without the sale of some of its property, or an unexpected gift from its friends, the college cannot erect new buildings this year. If the Miller street property is used for building purposes it will be deprived of the use of the investment, and the income from the property. If the property should be sold, or if it could be used as a basis of income we could see our way to undertaking work on new buildings at Punahou. This item amounts to thousands of dollars, and is naturally a most forcible argument for building on our ample and beautiful grounds at Punahou instead of using valuable business property for this purpose."

CENTRALITY OF LOCATION.

"When the Miller street property was purchased for school grounds it was chosen particularly on account of its central location. Since the purchase of the ground, however, the population has either shifted or expanded in the direction of Punahou to such an extent that at present there is very little difference between Miller street and Punahou for the patrons of the school. At the beginning of this school year 182 pupils were enrolled in the preparatory school. Figured by air line, exact center for these pupils would be a point near the corner of Lunello and Victoria streets. That is, Punahou is a trifle over a quarter of a mile, or exactly .329 of a mile, farther from these pupils than is Miller street. This distance hardly seems worth considering in view of the other arguments in favor of Punahou. Moreover, there is more unoccupied building ground eastward from the center of the city than seems to be available in any other given direction. It is safe to say, therefore, that the center for school population will not move farther westward. To figure distances by air line is of course more or less inexact, since pupils never go to school by air line, but if the exact routes of the children were known, it is not probable that the results of the computation would be changed one way or the other by more than one-tenth of a mile."

In conclusion, Dr. Smith said: "There were other minor considerations and details of the discussion which it would not be worth while to report. Personally, I am at present in favor of locating all our equipment at Punahou. It seems to me that thereby we shall be able to do a finer grade of work in

every respect. In school work of any sort nothing can compensate for the destruction of centralization, close organization and co-operation. I do not forget, however, that I am quite new to the situation, and I am sure all of the trustees wish to consider the matter from every conceivable standpoint. When the question is finally decided I am sure it will be for the best interests of the community, as well as of the college."

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